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FROM COLONIAL TO POST COLONIAL: READING THE CAREER AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF ETHNO-MEDICINE

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ABSTRACT

The impact of British administration on tribal life of India was both deep and wide. Initially British tribal policy lacked even a proper understanding of tribal psyche, let alone a sympathetic appreciation of tribal susceptibilities. The "do-gooders" were determined to improve the barbaric aboriginal life according to their own understanding of improved level of living. The Government's laws and regulations were often in conflict with cherished tribal traditions of which the administrators had full knowledge but for which they showed scant deference unlike all rulers of the tribal tracts before. The prime objective of the study is to find out the career of Ethno-Medicine and traditional healers in colonial India. Further this panel will thoroughly analyse the historical as well as future perspectives of the Ethno-medicine. This study will also try to find out the popular response towards Western Medicine in Colonial period in which one can find out the relationship of traditional Indian Medicine with indigenous medicine. Finally, it will help the future scholars to know about ethno-history of ethno-medicine which is still a neglected area. Contributions to the panel are invited from researchers to add to the understanding of future of Ethnomedicine in general.

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